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SUBJECT: PRC "AGRICULTURAL TEAM" SEEKS PROJECT BORDERING

SOUTH AFRICA

REF: (A) GABORONE 655, (B) GABORONE A-30, (C) HOOVER MEMCON

JUNE 13 (NOTAL)

1. RELIABLY INFORMED SENIOR U.S. EXPATRIATE EMPLOYEE OF MINAG TOLD DCM JULY 3 THAT CHINESE "AGRICULTURAL SURVEY TEAM" HAD INSISTED ON GOING TO TULI BLOCK (BORDERING SOUTH AFRICA) TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF DOING AN AGRICULTURAL PROJECT ON THE LIMPOPO RIVER.

2. THIS INSISTENCE WAS MANIFEST DESPITE FACT THAT CHINESE WERE TOLD TULI BLOCK CONSISTS ALMOST ENTIRELY OF FREEHOLD FARMS (MANY EUROPEAN-OWNED). THEY SHOWED NO INTEREST IN
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PROJECTS IN OKAVANGO OR OTHER AREAS REMOTE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL BORDER, BUT APPEAR DETERMINED TO ESTABLISH SOME PRESENCE ALONG THE LIMPOPO. THE GOB NOW REGRETS THAT INVITATION TO SURVEY TEAM, ISSUED DURING EUPHORIA OF PRESIDENT KHAMA'S TRIP LAST YEAR TO PRC, WAS EVER MADE.

3. COMMENT: IF CHINESE WERE INTERESTED IN ARMS SUPPLY
OR OTHER CONTACTS WITH SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONALISTS, NOT-
ABLY THEIR FRIENDS IN THE PAN AFRICANIST CONGRESS (PAC),
APPRECIATE INFORMED REACTIONS OF ANY ADDEE POSTS. END
COMMENT.
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